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SAMPLES

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 5, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration based upon the following amendments and remarks.